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Sir:

The Applicants thank Examiner Umakant K. Rajguru for his courtesy in conducting a telephonic interview on December 6, 2002.

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2002 please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A biodegradable film forming polymer composition which consists of 8 to 80% of a starch modified to include an hydroxyalkyl C₂₋₆ group or modified by reaction with an anhydride of a carboxylic acid

a) 4 to 11 % of a water soluble polymer selected from polyvinylacetate, polyvinyl alcohol

b) 10 to 16% of a polyol plasticizer